

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

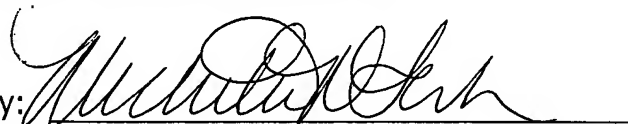
In view of the cancellation of claims 4-5, 7, 12, 16-17, and 19-24, and pursuant to 37 CFR 1.48(b), this application is being amended to delete the following two (2) originally named inventors: Mr. Hitoshi SHIBATA and Mr. Masaaki KONISHI, because they are not the inventors of the invention now being claimed. The present inventorship correction is being diligently made.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.48(b) this amendment is accompanied by 1) a petition including a statement identifying the inventors who are being deleted and that those inventor's invention is no longer claimed in the application; and 2) the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(h) \$130.00. Should that fee be missing or insufficient, please charge the undersigned's deposit account No. 14-1140 under Order No. 2018-750.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and an early Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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